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REMARKS

The applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the restriction requirement of the previous Office action. The Office action objected to claim 61 for depending from canceled claim 60 and rejected claims 19-31, 36, 37, and 60-96 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 5,888,639, claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,045,890 and claim 1-37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,347 B1. The applicants respond as follows.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The applicants note the examiner's correct assumption that claim 60 was omitted in error in the last response. In the current listing of claims, claim 60 in its previous form is restored and the notation of canceled claims prior to claim 60 has been updated. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 61 is requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING

The Office action rejected all pending claims for double patenting over claims

1-27 of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,888,639; 6,045,890; and 6,284,387. The attached terminal disclaimer addresses the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. The applicants request the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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